# LIST Famous Bankers from Germany

1.
Abraham Ernst Mendelssohn Bartholdy (born Abraham Mendelssohn; 10 December 1776 – 19 November 1835) was a German banker and philanthropist. He was the father of Felix Mendelssohn, Rebecka Mendelssohn, Paul Mendelssohn and Fanny Mendelssohn.

**Age:** Dec. at 59 (1776-1835) **Birthplace:** Berlin, Germany

2. Alfred Paul Ernst Freiherr von Oppenheim (May 5, 1934 – January 5, 2005), known in America as Alfred Oppenheim, was a German billionaire and banker. Born in Cologne, Germany, Oppenheim was a descendant of Salomon Oppenheim, Jr., who founded the Credit Institute in Bonn and moved to Cologne in 1798. He studied at Amherst and Harvard until 1960. In 1964, he became a senior partner of Sal. Oppenheim,..

**Age:** Dec. at 71 (1934-2005) **Birthplace:** Cologne, German

3. Alfred Herrhausen (30 January 1930 – 30 November 1989) was a German banker and the Chairman of Deutsche Bank, who was assassinated in 1989. He was a member of the Steering Committee of the Bilderberg Group and from 1971 onwards a member of Deutsche Bank's Management Board. An advisor to Helmut Kohl and a proponent of a unified European economy, he was also an influential figure in shaping the poli

Age: Dec. at 59 (1930-1989) Birthplace: Essen, Germany

4. Alois Joseph Dessauer (born Aron Baruch Dessauer; February 21, 1763, Gochsheim - April 11, 1850, Aschaffenburg) was a famous German court banker (Court Jew). He was the son of Baruch Dessauer. He married Anna Elisabeth David, with whom he had 4 children: Joseph Dessauer (1793–1853), Georg Dessauer (1795–1870), Karl Friedrich Dessauer (1799–1845) and Franz Johann Dessauer (1805–1872).

**Age:** Dec. at 87 (1763-1850)

5. Baron Amschel Mayer von Rothschild (12 June 1773 – 6 December 1855) was a German Jewish banker of the wealthy Rothschild family. He was the second child and eldest son of Mayer Amschel Rothschild (1744–1812), the founder of the dynasty, and Gutlé Rothschild née Schnapper (1753–1849). On the death of Mayer Amschel in 1812, Amschel Mayer succeeded as head of the bank at Frankfurt am Main, his brothe

**Age:** Dec. at 82 (1773-1855)

Birthplace: Free City of Frankfurt

6.

Andreas Raymond Dombret (born January 16, 1960 in the United States) is German-American banker. He was the Vice-Chairman of Bank of America Global Investment Banking in Europe, the Middle East and Africa as well as Head of the German, Austrian and Swiss branches. Since 1 May 2010, he has been a member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank with responsibility for Banking and Financial S

**Age:** 59

7.

August von Finck Jr. (born 1930) is a Swiss-based German billionaire businessman.

**Age:** 88

**Birthplace:** Germany

8.

Bailey Gatzert (December 29, 1829 – April 19, 1893) was an American politician and the eighth mayor of Seattle, Washington, serving from 1875 to 1876. He was the first Jewish mayor of Seattle, narrowly missing being the first Jewish mayor of a major American city (Moses Bloom became mayor of Iowa City, Iowa, in 1873), and has been the only Jewish mayor of Seattle to date. Gatzert was born in 1829...

**Age:** Dec. at 64 (1829-1893) **Birthplace:** Darmstadt, Germany

9.

Carl Fürstenberg (August 28, 1850 – February 9, 1933) was one of the most prominent German bankers of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, and was responsible for the revival of the German mining industry during his era. Fürstenberg was born to Jewish parents in Danzig (Gdańsk). While working at a West Prussian textile mill throughout his childhood, he apprenticed under local banker R

**Age:** Dec. at 83 (1850-1933) **Birthplace:** Gdańsk, Poland

Carl Mayer Freiherr von Rothschild (April 24, 1788 – March 10, 1855) was a German-born banker in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies and the founder of the Rothschild banking family of Naples.

**Age:** Dec. at 67 (1788-1855) **Birthplace:** Frankfurt, Germany

## 11.

Carl Melchior (October 13, 1871 – December 30, 1933) was born in Hamburg. Melchior studied law and eventually was appointed a judge, and later became a German banker and vice-president of the Bank for International Settlements.

**Age:** Dec. at 62 (1871-1933) **Birthplace:** Hamburg, Germany

## 12.

Charles Hallgarten, or Charles/Karl Lazarus Hallgarten (18 November 1838, Mainz – 19 April 1908, Frankfurt/Main) was a German banker and philanthropist. His father was Lazarus Hallgarten and his mother was Eleonore Hallgarten (born Darmstädter, in Mannheim).

**Age:** Dec. at 70 (1838-1908) **Birthplace:** Mainz, Germany

## 13.

Daniel Itzig (also known as Daniel Yoffe 18 March 1723 in Berlin – 17 May 1799 in Potsdam) was a Court Jew of Kings Frederick II the Great and Frederick William II of Prussia.

**Age:** Dec. at 76 (1723-1799) **Birthplace:** Berlin, Germany

#### 14.

David Justus Ludwig Hansemann (12 July 1790 – 4 August 1864) was a Prussian politician and banker, serving as the Prussian Minister of Finance in 1848.

**Age:** Dec. at 74 (1790-1864)

**Birthplace:** Finkenwerder, Germany

## 15.

Sir Ernest Joseph Cassel, (3 March 1852 - 21 September 1921) was a British merchant banker and capitalist. Born and raised in Prussia, he moved to Britain at the age of 17.

**Age:** Dec. at 69 (1852-1921) **Birthplace:** Cologne, Germany

16.

Felix Moritz Warburg (January 14, 1871 – September 20, 1937) was a German-born American banker. He was a member of the Warburg banking family of Hamburg, Germany.

**Age:** Dec. at 66 (1871-1937) **Birthplace:** Hamburg, Germany

17. Florida Rolf

18.

Fritz Sjölin Mannheimer (19 September 1890 – 9 August 1939) was a German-born and, from 1936, Dutch banker and art collector who was the director of the Amsterdam branch of the Berlin-based investment bank Mendelssohn & Co. that was for some time the main supporter of the Dutch capital market. Known as the "King of Flying Capital", he was one of the main organizers of credit for post-war Germany.

**Age:** Dec. at 49 (1890-1939) **Birthplace:** Stuttgart, Germany

19.

Gerson von Bleichröder (22 December 1822 – 18 February 1893) was a Jewish German banker. Bleichröder was born in Berlin. He was the eldest son of Samuel Bleichröder, who founded the banking firm of S. Bleichröder in 1803 in Berlin. Gerson first joined the family business in 1839. In 1855 upon the death of his father, Gerson became the head of the banking firm. The bank maintained close contacts.

**Age:** Dec. at 71 (1822-1893) **Birthplace:** Berlin, Germany

20.

Jan Boner (before 1463–1523), also known as Hans Boner, was a German-born Polish merchant and banker. He was one of the wealthiest people of his time in Europe. Born before 1463 in Landau in Palatinate, early in his life he started a merchant business in Breslau. In 1483 he settled in Kraków, in Poland. A wealthy merchant and tradesman dealing with spices, metals, timbers, livestock, etc., he open

**Age:** Dec. at 60 (1463-1523) **Birthplace:** Landau, Germany

21.

Hermann Josef Abs (15 October 1901 in Bonn – 5 February 1994 in Bad Soden) was a German banker. He was a member of the board of directors of Deutsche Bank from 1938 to 1945, as well as of 44 other companies, including IG Farben. As the most powerful commercial

banker of the Third Reich, he was, according to economic journalist Adam LeBor, "the lynchpin of the continent wide plunder". The Allies

**Age:** Dec. at 93 (1901-1994) **Birthplace:** Bonn, Germany

22.

Issachar Berend Lehmann, Berend Lehmann, Yissakhar Bermann Segal, Yissakhar ben Yehuda haLevi, Berman Halberstadt (April 23, 1661 in Essen, Westphalia – July 9, 1730 in Halberstadt, Kingdom of Prussia), was a German banker, merchant, diplomatic agent as well as army and mint contractor working as a court Jew for Elector Augustus II the Strong of Saxony, King of Poland, and other German princes.

**Age:** Dec. at 69 (1661-1730) **Birthplace:** Essen, Germany

23.

Ivan L. Wilzig (born January 6, 1956) is an American recording artist and songwriter who is best known for his pop-dance remakes of 1960s and early 1970s peace songs. He created The Peaceman Foundation, a non-profit organization that battles hatred, violence and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In the US alone, he has appeared on various reality television shows, such as Who Wants to be a **Age:** 63

24.

Jakob Fugger of the Lily (German: Jakob Fugger von der Lilie) (6 March 1459 – 30 December 1525), also known as Jakob Fugger the Rich or sometimes Jakob II, was a major German merchant, mining entrepreneur and banker. He was a descendant of the Fugger merchant family located in the Free Imperial City of Augsburg, where he was born and later also elevated through marriage to Grand Burgher of Augsburg

**Age:** Dec. at 66 (1459-1525) **Birthplace:** Augsburg, Germany

25.

Jacob Henry Schiff (born Jakob Heinrich Schiff; January 10, 1847 – September 25, 1920) was an American banker, businessman, and philanthropist. Among many other things, he helped finance the expansion of American railroads and the Japanese military efforts against Tsarist Russia in the Russo-Japanese War. Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Schiff migrated to the United States after the American Civil War

**Age:** Dec. at 73 (1847-1920) **Birthplace:** Frankfurt, Germany

26.

For the 20th-century American politician and activist, see James I. Loeb James Loeb (; German: [lø:p]; August 6, 1867 – May 27, 1933) was a German-born American banker, Hellenist and philanthropist.

**Age:** Dec. at 66 (1867-1933)

Birthplace: New York City, New York

27.

James Paul Warburg (August 18, 1896 – June 3, 1969) was a Germanborn American banker. He was well known for being the financial adviser to Franklin D. Roosevelt. His father was banker Paul Warburg, member of the Warburg family and "father" of the Federal Reserve system. After World War II, Warburg helped organize the Society for the Prevention of World War III in support of the Morgenthau Plan.

**Age:** Dec. at 73 (1896-1969) **Birthplace:** Hamburg, Germany

28.

Jonah Frankel or Jonas Fraen(c)kel or Jonas Fränkel or Jonas Frankel or (? in Breslau – January 27, 1846 in Breslau) was a German Jewish businessman, banker and philanthropist. He is best known for having willed the funds for the establishment of the "Jewish Theological Seminary Fraenkel'sche Stiftung" of Breslau, the first modern rabbinical seminary in Central Europe, and the model for similar

29.

Josef Meinrad Ackermann (born 7 February 1948) is a Swiss banker, former Chairman of the Bank of Cyprus, and former chief executive officer of Deutsche Bank. He has also been a member of the influential Washington-based financial advisory body, the Group of Thirty.

**Age:** 71

Birthplace: Walenstadt, Switzerland

30.

Joseph Seligman (November 22, 1819 - April 25, 1880) was an American banker and businessman who founded J. & W. Seligman & Co. He was the patriarch of what became known as the Seligman family in USA and was subsequently related to the wealthy Guggenheim family through Peggy Guggenheim's mother Florette **Age:** Dec. at 61 (1819-1880)

**Birthplace:** Baiersdorf, Germany

31.

Jürgen Ponto (17 December 1923 Bad Nauheim, Hesse - 30 July 1977 Frankfurt am Main) was a German banker and chairman of the Dresdner Bank board of directors. Previously, he had worked as a

lawyer. He was assassinated by members of the Red Army Faction in events leading up to the German Autumn. Actor Erich Ponto was his uncle.

**Age:** Dec. at 54 (1923-1977)

Birthplace: Bad Nauheim, Germany

32.

Kilian von Steiner (9 October 1833 – 25 September 1903) was a German banker and industrialist.

**Age:** Dec. at 70 (1833-1903) **Birthplace:** Laupheim, Germany

33.

Klaus-Peter Müller (born September 16, 1944, in Duppach, Germany) was chairman of the supervisory board of Commerzbank until the annual general meeting on May 8, 2018.

**Age:** 74

Birthplace: Duppach, Germany

34.

Kurt Richebächer (1918 - August 24, 2007) was an international banker and economist. He considered himself a follower of the Austrian School of Economics and was best known for his newsletter, "The Richebächer Letter," which at various times also circulated as "Currencies & Credit Markets." Richebächer's father sent him to Great Britain before World War II to improve his fluency in the English lan

35.

Marcus Goldman (December 9, 1821 – July 20, 1904) was a German investment banker, businessman, and financier. He was born in Trappstadt, Bavaria and emigrated to the United States in 1848. He was the founder of Goldman Sachs, which has since become one of the world's largest investment banks.

**Age:** Dec. at 83 (1821-1904)

Birthplace: Trappstadt, Germany

36.

Marion Wagner (born 1 February 1978, in Mainz) is a retired German sprinter who specialized in the 100 metres. Her personal best time is 11.24 seconds, achieved in July 2009 at the German Championships in Ulm. She represents the sports club USC Mainz. Wagner represented Germany at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. She competed in the  $4\times100$  metres relay together with Anne Möllinger, Cathleen

**Age:** 41

Birthplace: Mainz, Germany

37.

Markus Bär Friedenthal (born June 23, 1779, Groß Glogau - December 3/December 8, 1859, Breslau) was a German Jewish banker and scholar. Although one of the leading bankers at Breslau, he devoted much time to study and to communal affairs. His special interest lay in the field of religious philosophy and dogma, which he treated rather in an apologetic than in a purely scientific manner. His works

**Age:** Dec. at 80 (1779-1859)

38.

Maurice

**Birthplace:** North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

39.

Max Moritz Warburg (5 June 1867 - 26 December 1946) was a German-Jewish banker and scion of the wealthy Warburg family based in Hamburg, Germany.

**Age:** Dec. at 79 (1867-1946) **Birthplace:** Hamburg, Germany

40.

Mayer Amschel Rothschild, written also Anschel (23 February 1744 – 19 September 1812), was a German Jewish banker and the founder of the Rothschild banking dynasty. Referred to as a "founding father of international finance," Rothschild was ranked seventh on the Forbes magazine list of "The Twenty Most Influential Businessmen of All Time" in 2005.

**Age:** Dec. at 68 (1744-1812) **Birthplace:** Frankfurt, Germany

## 41.

Mortimer Loeb Schiff (June 5, 1877 – June 4, 1931), sometimes Mortimer Leo Schiff, was an American banker and notable early Boy Scouts of America (BSA) leader. His son John Mortimer Schiff was also involved with the BSA. He was also the father of Dorothy Schiff, who was the owner and publisher of the New York Post from 1939 to 1976.

**Age:** Dec. at 54 (1877-1931)

## 42.

Oswald J. Grübel is a German banker who was the group chief executive officer of Swiss bank UBS AG from 26 February 2009 until his sudden resignation on the 24 September 2011 in the wake of the 2011 UBS rogue trader scandal. Previously, he has been head of Credit Suisse between 2003 and 2007.

**Age:** 75

Birthplace: German Democratic Republic

43.

Otto Hermann Kahn (February 21, 1867 - March 29, 1934) was a German-born American investment banker, collector, philanthropist, and patron of the arts.

**Age:** Dec. at 67 (1867-1934)

Birthplace: Mannheim, Germany

44.

Paul Moritz Warburg (August 10, 1868 - January 24, 1932) was an American investment banker born in Germany, and an early advocate of the U.S. Federal Reserve System.

**Age:** Dec. at 64 (1868-1932) **Birthplace:** Hamburg, Germany

45.

Philipp Hainhofer (21 July 1578 – 1647) was a merchant, banker, diplomat and art collector in Augsburg. He is remembered, among other things, for the curiosity cabinets (Kunstschränke) which he created with the assistance of a large number of Augsburg artisans. Hainhofer studied Law at the Universities of Siena and Padua, traveled through Italy, Germany and the Netherlands, and acquired a good kno

**Age:** Dec. at 69 (1578-1647) **Birthplace:** Augsburg, Germany

46.

Salomon Oppenheim, Jr. was a banker.

**Age:** Dec. at 56 (1772-1828)

47.

Sir Siegmund George Warburg (30 September 1902 – 18 October 1982) was a German-born English banker. He was a member of the prominent Warburg family. He played a prominent role in the development of merchant banking.

**Age:** Dec. at 80 (1902-1982) **Birthplace:** Tübingen, Germany

48.

Sir Carl Ferdinand Meyer, 1st Baronet (23 December 1851 – 18 December 1922) was a British banker and mining magnate.

**Age:** Dec. at 71 (1851-1922) **Birthplace:** Germany, Hamburg

49.

Solomon Loeb (June 29, 1828 - December 12, 1903) was a Germanborn American banker and businessman. He was a merchant in textiles and later a banker with Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

**Age:** Dec. at 75 (1828-1903) **Birthplace:** Worms, Germany